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5 Applicant: Bitler et al

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Examiner: Peter Szekely

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-containing Compositions

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Washington, DC 20231

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REPLY

Sir,

This paper is a reply to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002. Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

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Initially, it is noted that the Office Action does not refer to Claims 47-51, which were added by the previous Reply. As noted in that Reply, Claims 47-51 are limited to compositions containing 2-10% by weight of the SCC polymer; and were added in view of the Examiner's helpful statement in the previous Office Action that the range of 2-

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10% would be acceptable as a limitation on the amount of SCC polymer.

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AMENDMENTS

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Please amend this application as follows.

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